

REMARKS

In the Office Action of 01/13/05, the Examiner has asserted that restriction to one of the following species of the claimed inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

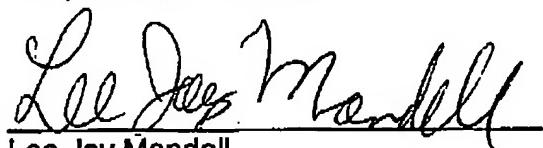
- I. A spring powered mechanism
- II. An electromechanically powered mechanism

Applicants elect to proceed with the claims of Species II and cancel the claims which are restricted to Species I with traverse, i.e., claims 3 and 20 are withdrawn herein. The Examiner has noted that currently claim 1 is generic. According to the same criteria, Applicant believes that independent claim 18 is likewise generic and that the remaining claims either are generic or fit within the elected Species II and that this amendment thus complies with the Examiner's election request. Additionally, in reviewing current amendment practice, it was determined that the proper term for a non-elected claim is "withdrawn". Accordingly, Applicants request that the status for the non-elected claims from the prior amendment be changed to withdrawn, i.e., claims 14-17 and 31-34. Following this amendment, claims 1-2, 4-13, 18-19, and 21-30 are pending.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (661) 702-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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